

With the issuance of a Temporary Activity Permit from the Town of Freeport, the following activities will be allowed by the “Town of Freeport Emergency Ordinance: Temporary Suspension of Certain Ordinance Standards To Safely Accommodate Expanded Outdoor Business Activities due to COVID-19”:

Temporary Signs:

- Temporary signs to support changes to the operations of business as a result of the COVID19 pandemic shall be exempt from regulation under the Freeport Sign Ordinance. This may also include additional signs needed for distance markers outside of establishments. Internally illuminated signs, signs with moving parts, and flag and/or feather style signs are not permitted. Signs must be located on private property and not project over the public right-of-way; unless permission is otherwise granted from the Town Council. No sign shall exceed 32 sf in size or 25 feet in height.

Outdoor Business Activities:

- Temporary modifications to an existing business site required to conduct outdoor business activities will not require an applicant to amend their existing site plan through the formal Site Plan Review process, so long as no new permanent impervious cover is created. Outdoor business activities shall include **outdoor sales areas and tent sales, outdoor seating for existing restaurants, outdoor seating space for carryout establishments** (such as coffee, ice cream, and carryout food), and **outdoor meeting space for offices and exercise classes**, along with minimal new lighting as required for safety and ambiance of these activities.
- Existing businesses may conduct any of the outdoor business activities described above on the property owned by another so long as: 1) the underlying outdoor business activity (restaurant, retail, office, etc.) is allowed in that zone and, 2) the applicant for a temporary activity permit shall provide written authorization for any proposed activities from the property owner. Any use of public property (including sidewalks and streets) for outdoor business activities shall require prior approval of the Freeport Town Council.
- No other land use approvals beyond a temporary activity permit shall be required for these uses.
- Any outdoor business activities conducted on a site abutting a residential site shall observe all building setbacks as required by the underlying zoning district.
- Any **tents, awnings, or temporary shelters** utilized for purposes described shall comply with applicable regulations of the State of Maine Fire Marshall’s Office and the Town of Freeport’s Fire Prevention Code.
- The exemptions described in this section shall apply to existing Freeport businesses only. New business locations must undergo all applicable land use reviews, including but not limited to site plan review, design review, building permit review, and sign permit review.
- For properties in Freeport’s Design Review Districts, a Design Review Certificate shall not be required for any of the temporary outdoor business activities so long as no permanent changes to the site or the building facades are proposed.

Public Restrooms:

- In the event of any conflict between the Freeport Building Code Ordinance and directives issued under executive order by the Governor regarding the requirement or availability of public restroom facilities, the requirements issued by executive order of the Governor shall prevail.